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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY COLONEL BERNARD RAMUNDO TO
CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PASS BENDER AND RAMUNDO

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY HERE IS ATTEMPT-
ING THROUGH DOT TO ARRANGE FOR RAMUNDO VISIT TO PRAGUE
DURING HIS CURRENT TRAVEL IN EASTERN EUROPE. WE HAVE ASKED
DOT NOT TO ARRANGE A VISIT AT THIS TIME. THE CURRENT STATE
OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS THE ABSENCE OF ANY
CONCRETE, FORMAL PLANS TO COOPERATE WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN
THE FIELD OF TRANSPORTATION MAKE SUCH A VISIT INAPPROPRIATE.
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MOREOVER, THE CZECHS WOULD LIKELY EXPLOIT RAMUNDO VISIT TO

PRAGUE TO PUSH FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT BY TRANSPORTATION
SECRETARY COLEMAN. WHILE WE DO NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY
OF SUCH A VISIT IN THE FUTURE, WE ARE NOT PREPARED AT THIS
TIME TO ENTERTAIN A CZECH INVITATION FOR A CABINET-LEVEL
VISIT FROM THE US BECAUSE OF THEIR RECENT VOTE ON PUERTO
RICO IN THE UN COMMITTEE OF 24, WHICH WE CONSIDER AN UN-
FRIENDLY ACT REPRESENTING INTERFERENCE IN OUR DOMESTIC
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